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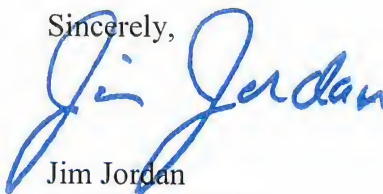
Dear Mr. Cipollone:

On April 2, 2019, Chairman Elijah Cummings issued a subpoena to compel the deposition of Carl Kline in the Chairman's investigation into security clearance processes at the White House.<sup>1</sup> The Chairman issued this subpoena despite Mr. Kline's willingness to testify voluntarily.<sup>2</sup> I anticipate that Chairman Cummings will initiate contempt proceedings against Mr. Kline as soon as next Tuesday.<sup>3</sup>

To avoid unnecessary conflict between Congress and the Executive Branch and to de-escalate Chairman Cummings's orchestrated inter-branch confrontation, I write to ask whether Mr. Kline would agree to appear for a voluntary transcribed interview with Committee staff on April 30, or May 1, 2019.

Thank you for your attention to this request. I look forward to hearing back from you.

Sincerely,



Jim Jordan  
Ranking Member

cc: The Honorable Elijah E. Cummings  
Chairman

<sup>1</sup> Subpoena to Carl Kline (Apr. 2, 2019).

<sup>2</sup> Letter from Robert N. Driscoll, McGlinchey Stafford, to Elijah E. Cummings, Chairman, H. Comm. on Oversight & Reform (Apr. 1, 2019).

<sup>3</sup> Kathryn Watson, *Cummings moves to hold ex-White House official in contempt for refusing to testify*, CBS News (Apr. 23, 2019).